

REMARKS

Nonelected claims 39-75 have now been canceled with a view toward advancing the prosecution of the present application. The cancellation of these claims is without prejudice to reinstatement in a continuing or subsequent application.

Claims 1-12 and 18 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being obvious over Migaku et al (GB 2,118,021A), in view of VanGompel et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,336,922. This ground of rejection is traversed.

Claim 1 has now been amended to incorporate the features of claim 13, considered by the Examiner to be allowable. Claims 2-8, 11, 12 and 18 are all dependent on amended claim 1. Claims 9 and 10 have been canceled. Accordingly, applicant submits that claims 2-8, 11, 12 and 18 are also allowable.

Claims 19-32 and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over VanGompel et al. in view of Migaku et al. This ground of rejection is also traversed.

Claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 33, also considered by the Examiner to be allowable. Claims 20-26, 29-32 and 38 are all dependent on claim 19. Claims 27 and 28 have been canceled. Applicant submits that claims 20-26, 29-32 and 38 are also allowable.

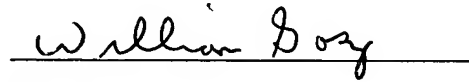
Claims 14-16 and 34-46 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action.

Accordingly, the present application is now believed to overcome the remaining rejections, and to be in proper condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of this application, are therefore respectfully solicited. Entry of the foregoing amendment is appropriate at this time since it merely serves to include allowable features in pending claims under prosecution, without creating any new issues thereby.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to facilitate the continued prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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